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MISSOULA--

The University of Montana cross country team faces a grueling six-and-a-half mile run Saturday when it competes in the Central Washington Invitational.

"It will be a demanding run over the logging roads in the foothills of the Cascade Mountains, but our runners are mentally prepared and I expect them to run well," coach Harley Lewis said of the Ellensburg, Washington, meet.

"We had a good week of workouts and four of the runners, Doug Darko, Hans Templeman, John O'Neill and Dean Erhard, are rounding into top shape. We should have a real strong team when Scott Carvey gets rid of his cold and when Harold Horn gets into top shape," Lewis said.

Lewis said Carvey's cold cut into his conditioning program and that Horn has not been running as long as the other members of the squad. Lewis will enter all six in Saturday's race.

Last Saturday, at Spokane's Arnie Pelluer Invitational, a mixup near the end of the race sent the runners scurrying in all directions for the final 440 yards of the race and rendered the results useless.

"We will be up against a strong Oregon State team and are looking forward to the challenge. They have four or five runners of the same caliber as our top runners and it will be quite a race," Lewis commented.

The Central Washington meet will draw a large number of schools and three divisions of racing are on tap. There will be a race for Junior Colleges, a race for College Division teams and a race for University division teams. Montana will compete with the University Division teams.

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